

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Stephane BERTHOLIN et al.

Examiner: Unassigned

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Title: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR CONNECTION WITH RELATIVE AND  
CONTROLLED SEALING BETWEEN A PIPE AND A CERAMIC TUBE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.